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AB We report here the use of an alternative carrier diphtheria toxoid (DT) in

human subjects to overcome antigen-specific unresponsiveness upon immunization with a hapten/ligand-carrier

conjugate. In the phase I clinical trial of a birth control

vaccine using gonadotrophin subunits linked to tetanus toxoid, some of the

subjects failed to evoke a booster antibody response to human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG). Presentation of the ligand on DT instead in subsequent immunizations restored anti-hCG response.